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SUBJ: POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS: RC SESSION ENDS

SUMMARY: REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL ISSUED LARGELY PRO-FORMA COMMUNIQUE  
EARLY MORNING JULY 22 FOLLOWING PLENARY SESSION. COMMUNIQUE  
CONDEMNED VIOLENCE AND MADE PATRIOTIC CALL FOR END TO ACTIONS  
WHICH MIGHT HINDER REVOLUTION. SOCIALIST SOURCE REPORTS PRIME  
MINISTER GONCALVES LOST PRELIMINARY VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN RC,  
AND GONCALVES GIVEN UNTIL JULY 24 TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT OR STEP  
DOWN. PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES MET WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN MORNING  
JULY 21 AND WITH PS LEADER LOARES IN AFTERNOON. MORE  
INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE OCCURRED IN NORTH JULY 21 AS MEDIA CONTINUES  
ITS DRUMBEAT OF PRAISE FOR PRIME MINISTER. END SUMMARY

1. RC MEETING ENDS: REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (RC) ISSUED  
BRIEF STATEMENT EARLY MORNING JULY 22 FOLLOWING CONCLUSION  
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OF PLENARY SESSION. STATEMENT CONDEMNED RECENT

INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE, APPEALED TO PATRIOTISM, AND CALLED FOR AN END TO ACTIONS WHICH COULD HINDER REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS. STATEMENT ALSO NOTED THAT RC HAD REVIEWED SITUATION IN AZORES AND ENDORSED ACTIONS TAKEN BY GOP AUTHORITIES IN ANGOLA.

2. SOCIALIST SOURCE CLOSE TO SOARES REPORTED THAT IN PRE-LIMINARY VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FOR PRIME MINISTER DURING RC SESSION, 24 RC MEMBERS VOTED AGAINST GONCALVES. SAME SOURCE SAID GONCALVES GIVEN UNTIL JULY 24 TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT OR RELINQUISH PORTFOLIO TO PRESIDENT.

3. PRESIDENT MEETS KALININ AND SOARES: PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES HAD ACTIVE DAY JULY 21. HE MET WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR KALININ IN MORNING AND WITH SOCIALIST LEADER SOARES LATER IN DAY. IN JULY 21 INTERVIEW FOR GERMAN TV, SOARES REITERATED PS POSITION THAT FORMATION OF "GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY" WAS URGENTLY NEEDED AND THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITH CONTINUED PARTICIPATION OF PRIME MINISTER VASCO GONCALVES.

4. MORE VIOLENCE IN NORTH: TWO MORE ANTI-PCP INCIDENTS TOOK PLACE IN THE NORTH ON JULY 21. IN ALCOBACA, FIVE PERSONS WERE REPORTED WOUNDED IN EXCHANGE OF GUNFIRE BETWEEN PCP MILITANTS AND DEMONSTRATORS, WHO SACKED LOCAL PCP OFFICES AND BURNED PCP DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS IN STREETS. IN LOURINHA, MILITARY INTERVENED TO PROTECT SEVERAL ALLEGED PCP MEMBERS FROM ANGRY CROWD. IN APPARENTLY UNRELATED INCIDENT, CIVIL AVIATION RADIO BEACON IN VILAR FORMOSA, NEAR SPANISH FRONTIER, WAS DESTROYED BY DYNAMITE EXPLOSION JULY 21.

5. MORE PRAISE FOR GONCALVES: PRESS AND RADIO CONTINUE DRUMBEAT OF PRAISE FOR PRIME MINISTER VASCO GONCALVES. JULY 21 COMMUNIST-SPONSORED PRO-GONCALVES RALLY IN BARREIRO, ACROSS THE RIVER FROM LISBON, RECEIVED PROMINENT COVERAGE.

6. OTELO IN CUBA; FABIAO REMAINS: JUXTAPOSED WITH PRESS REPORTS OF COPCON COMMANDER GENERAL OTELO DE SARAIVA'S FIRST DAY'S ACTIVITIES IN CUBA, WAS REPORT THAT, IN VIEW OF TENSE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL, ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF FABIAO HAD POSTPONED SCHEDULED VISIT TO ENGLAND.

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7. COMMENT: FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT BY VASCO GONCALVES COMPOSED OF INDIVIDUALS OF RECOGNIZED STATURE AND PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE IS UNLIKELY. PS AND PPD ARE ON RECORD AS OPPOSING PARTICIPATION OF ANY OF THEIR MEMBERS. PPD AND PS SOURCES HAVE INFORMED US THAT AT LEAST ONE PPD MEMBER (SA BORGES) AND THREE PS MEMBERS HAVE ALREADY REFUSED REQUESTS FROM GONCALVES TO JOIN GOVERNMENT. A GOVERNMENT COMPOSED

ENTIRELY OF LEFTISTS WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR "MODERATES"  
OR RC TO SWALLOW AND WOULD PROVIDE MODERTES WITH ANOTHER  
OPPORTUNITY TO CALL FOR GONCALVES' OUSTER. THUS, HE  
SEEMS TO BE CAUGHT IN A TRAP, BUT HE HAS MANAGED TO WIGGLE  
OUT BEFORE.  
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